Homegoing Celebration

Brother Arthur Lee Norton, Sr.

Sunrise
March 24, 1938

Sunset
February 14, 2010

Saturday, February 20, 2010
1:00 p.m.
Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Maurice Irving, Pastor
Mrs. Helen Hunter, Mistress of Ceremony

To My Family, Friends, And All That Know Me

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.

ORDER OF SERVICE

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

Musical Prelude

Processional of Family

Selection . ..... Salem Baptist Church Choir

Devotion:

Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Maurice Irving

New Testament

Old Testament

Reading.. .....Letter to My Daddy ... KdVeeta Norton

Selection . ..... Salem Baptist Church Choir

Expressions..... Anyone(2-Minutes)

Obituary . ..... (Read Silently) Soft Music

Solo ....Natasha Demby

Eulogy... ..... Rev. Maurice Irving

Parting Review and Recessional

Repast

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

Obituary

Arthur Lee Norton, Sr. was born March 24, 1938 in Jefferson County to Howard and Geneva Norton. He departed this life on February 14, 2010.

Brother Arthur Lee Norton, Sr. was baptized at Salem Missionary Baptist Church on August 5, 2001 and remained a member there ever since. He graduated from Liddell High School.

He was a very hard worker: 27 years for Jefferson County School System as a bus driver and Over 32 years for Zippy Food Store. Arthur married Gloria Felton and they have remained devoted and loyal in union for 46 years.

Arthur Lee Norton, Sr. was proceeded in death by his father, Howard Norton, mother, Geneva Norton; Brothers, Al Curtis Norton Sr. and Herbert Norton and sister-in-law Rebecca Norton.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Gloria Norton; Children: Arthur Lee Norton Jr. of Stampley, MS; Mary Norton of Dallas, TX; Joyce Norton of Natchez, MS; Jeffery Norton of Stampley, MS; Charles Lee (CL) Felton of Kirby, MS; and David Graves of Fayette, MS; Brothers: Howard Doss of Stampley, MS; Stanley Doss of Stampley, MS and Mark Doss of Roxie, MS; and one sister-in-Law Arlevia Norton of Winder, GA. He also raised one grandchild as his own KaVeeta Norton of Fayette, MS. He leaves other grandchildren whom he loved dearly: Tameka Grayson, Sharon Grayson, Kimberly Grayson, Arthur Lee Norton III, Jatresia Norton, Kashonna Norton, Makayla Doss, DeAnthony Blake, Jakereia Graves, and Ikeireunna Graves, and one Great-Grandchild Zakeyia Grayson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Letter To My Daddy

Dad... So many images come to mind when ever I speak your name
It seems without you in my life things have never been the same
What happened to those lazy days when I was just a child
When my life was consumed in you in your love, and in your smile

What happened to all those times when I always looked to you
No matter what happened in my life you could make my gray skies blue
Dad, some days I hear your voice and turn to see your face
Yet in my turning it seems the sound has been erased

Dad, who will I turn to for answers when life does not make sense
Who will be there to hold me close when the pieces just don't fit
Dad, if I could turn back time and once more hear your voice
I'd tell you that out of all the dads you would still be my choice

Please always know I Love You and no one can take your place
Years may come and go but your memory will never be erased
Today, Jesus, as you are listening in your home above
Will you go and find my daddy and give him all my love.

MEMORIES

The love we have for Daddy Lee
Will never fade away
We'll think of him,
Throughout each passing day.
We'll walk into your room
And see your empty chair
Although we know you are resting,
We'll feel your present there.
The memories of your laughter,
Your warm and loving smile,
Your eyes so full of happiness
Your heart that of a child.
Memories are forever
Be they laughter or of tears,
Memories we will treasure
Through all the forthcoming years.

From Your,
Wife, Brothers, Children, Grandchildren
and Great Grand Children

MEMORIES

Active Pallbearers

Kalvin Reed
Jerry Doss
Kelvin Doss
Larry Doss
Henry Felton
Alonzo Evans
Ed Felton
Samuel Coleman

Honorary Pallbearers

Mark Doss
Stanley Doss
Jeffrey Norton
Howard Doss
David Graves
Arthur Norton Jr.
Quiero Johnson

Flower Bearers
Ushers of The Salem Baptist Church & Friends

Interment
Salem Baptist Church Cemetery

Repast
Salem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Marshall Funeral Home
Bude, MS

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